Hello everyone. It’s hard to believe that a year has gone by since I assumed the role of President of our club. Time flies when you’re having fun and I have certainly had fun!

Sadly, we are at a crisis point for our club. Your nominating committee has approached a number of people whom we thought would be great candidates for the VP position. All of them, unfortunately, have declined the nomination. This position is central to our club’s continued success. The primary responsibility for booking speakers rests with the VP as does the expectation of becoming president the following year. If you enjoy the fellowship, speakers and events our club has to offer, please consider either stepping up to fill this void or nominating someone for the position. This role is vital to our club – please don’t sit back and allow our club to go into a decline. I know there is a member out there who would be perfect as VP.

I believe we have had a great year. Speakers have informed us about history, current affairs, travel, conservation, art, water buffalo and auctions among other things! We have had a Christmas party, a movie afternoon and a fabulous summer picnic. We have enjoyed theatres, historic sites, a hockey game, wine tasting, bowling, concerts, a road rally, Loyalist lunch and Cirque de Soleil to name a few. My thanks go out to all who volunteered to assist and organize these events. I especially want to acknowledge the role of your management committee in keeping our club running smoothly and happily. Special thanks go to Past President, Judy Pearce, and to Communication Manager, Denise Kelsey, who are leaving the committee after having served for the past three years.

It has truly been an honour and a pleasure to serve as your President. I look forward to acting as Past President and continuing to provide you with a chuckle or two with my jokes at our meetings. Thank you all for your support when things go according to plan and for your understanding when they don’t.

That’s all for now folks – hope to see you next week at our AGM,

Sheila
Camp X was established December 6, 1941, on the border of Whitby/Oshawa Ontario, through the British Security Co-Ordination (BSC) and the Government of Canada. The BSC’s chief, Sir William Stephenson, was a Canadian from Winnipeg, Manitoba, and a close confidant of the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, who had instructed him to create the clenched fist that would provide the knockout blow to the Axis powers. One of Stephenson’s successes was Camp-X.

The Camp, also known as "The Farm", was first opened for the purpose of training American COI (forerunner to the CIA) agents who would be dropped in behind enemy lines as spies and saboteurs at a time when the U.S. was forbidden by an Act of Congress to be involved in World War Two.

One of the unique features of Camp-X was Hydra. It was the most sophisticated telecommunications centre of its time, and was instrumental in coding/decoding information vital to the allied war effort.

Over five hundred Allied secret agents trained at the camp in a variety of special techniques such as silent killing, sabotage and recruitment.

Communication training, including Morse code, was also provided. The camp was so secret that even Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King was unaware of its full purpose.

Camp X has been featured in movies and television programs. Recent airings include the CBC series of X Company, three seasons, 2015 to 2017, and the History Channel’s documentary Camp X: Secret Agent School, July 2014. The latter included re-creations of scenes and featured interviews with actual individuals who had been associated with the camp. A website to check out is cbc.ca/xcompany. X Company is also available on Netflix. Lynn acted as an historical consultant for the series.

Taken over by the Canadian government in 1947, Camp X operated as a military signals station until it was closed down in 1969. The buildings were eventually demolished and bulldozed into Lake Ontario. A plaque now marks the site.
The speaker for the September meeting was unfortunately not available to us and so emergency plans went into effect. After much sober thought, and the fact that Sheila (our indominitable President), ran out of jokes - member **Susan Fedorka** stepped in "to the rescue". She was, thankfully, able to fill us in on the changes to the voting system for the upcoming Municipal Election. She informed us that **the 2018 Municipal Election will be conducted through Internet and Telephone Voting - There will be no paper ballots.** You will receive a voter number in the mail for Identification when voting. There is also an explanation of the new voting procedure. She adeptly answered our many questions afterward.

**Voting Period Starts:** Monday, October 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.  
**and Ends:** Monday, October 22, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

For a complete 23 page rundown on the new voting procedure for the October 22 Trent Hills municipal elections click on the link below:


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**Upcoming Speakers**

**OCTOBER 10/18 AGM - Dan Buchanan**, "The History Guy", will speak to us about his new book **38 HOURS TO MONTREAL.**

In 1840, it was a trip that normally took several days, but William Weller saw it as an opportunity to further enhance his reputation as the “stagecoach king” of his day.

**November 14/18 - Stanley Feldman.  *Is there a second Mona Lisa?***

Irish-born Stanley Feldman has been painting and exhibiting professionally for almost 50 years. In recent years, Stanley has branched-out into art history research, and his first book is about a stunning Renaissance painting, now considered to be an earlier version by Leonardo da Vinci of his ‘Mona Lisa’. Don't miss this evocative story.
A small group of Probus Club of Trent Hills members enjoyed the art (as well as lunch) at Zimart on **August 16, 2018**.

Zimart is an open-air art-gallery, located on the north-shore of Rice Lake, not far from Bailieboro. It offers several hundred stone sculptures, amassed over 5 acres of manicured grounds. The effects are breath-taking, as well as also being quite serene, in its shady setting. Some of the pieces are as large as meters high, and some you could comfortably hold in one hand. The prices range from $100 plus, to many thousands of dollars.

On August 16, those attending were treated to not only an eye-catching collection of art - but a short, but very interesting talk by **Fran Fearnley**, owner and curator. She has been in the business since 2000, but got into it somewhat accidentally. The first purchase of five sculptures she tried to export from Zimbabwe to Canada never made it here, but she persisted. She was in South Africa in 1999 on a completely different project, but became attracted to Zimbabwean sculpture, and Zimart is the result. This year, the artist-in-residence is **Tutani Mgabazi**, who has spent the summer teaching courses on stone sculpting. He also gave a short tutorial on his approach to his art, and the difference between representational and abstract sculpting. He says the stone always dictates what he will sculpt.

In addition to 8 Trent Hills members, we were treated to the presence of several members from other Probus Clubs - from as far away Orillia, as well as nearby Whitby. A good time was had by all! The event was organized by member Gary Hoag.

The Rice Lake Gallery (located at 855 2nd Line, Bailieboro) is open daily from 11am to 6pm - from June 1 to Thanksgiving and any other time by appointment.

Submitted, with thanks, by Gary Hoag
Our September Probus outing started in the carpark of Canadian Tire where we gathered to take the coach to Kingston. A lunch stop was made at the Mandarin buffet restaurant in a suburban Mall. The choice of dishes was fantastic, so many interesting eats covering appetizer, entrée and dessert.

Later we took off for the Penitentiary, now listed as an architecturally historic building offering guided tours. The nucleus of the building was constructed in 1833/34 and by 1867 it was the principal correctional facility under the control of the federal government. Until the early 1930s women, and even children, were held in a segregated section of the prison. This imposing, dour building has gradually expanded in the intervening 180 years, according to the needs and thinking of the times.

Our designated guide took us around the structured tour, where at times we could sit to listen carefully or linger to look more closely. So many specialist areas, the more interesting were: the impressive Main Dome, the shop buildings, recreational yard, hospital, aboriginal grounds and, of course the cells for accommodating up to 400 prisoners.

The size of an original cell was 2.4 ft wide, 8 ft deep, and 6.7 ft high, and even more recently there was not much change. Everywhere was limited, grey and depressing. In more recent times, the penitentiary has taken men requiring levels of maximum security; most of Canada’s more notorious inmates have been held at Kingston Pen over the years. There have been several major riots: 1932, 1954 and 1971, the latter involving the taking of staff hostages, inmate deaths and extensive damage.

In tune with the thinking of the day, educational programs were set up to help inmates upgrade their academic skills if they chose. Also, the institution offered a wide selection of Correctional Programs: substance abuse, family violence prevention, an aboriginal strategic plan and others as the need arose. In addition, health care, religious, psychological and psychiatric services became available to the prisoners.

At various times on our tour we met retired prison staff, now acting as guides for special areas. They all admitted to knowing how danger felt. When at work inside the prison, they had to be on the alert all the time as trouble could blow up at any moment, and often did! One former warder said it took him a year after retirement to de-escalate as he called it.
In 2012, the federal government decided that the Pen’s aging infrastructure no longer met the challenges of managing the institutional routines of today’s complex and diverse offender population.

Kingston Penitentiary’s final day of operation was September 30th 2013.
The picturesque boutique winery is situated in an especially unique location. It sits right on the edge of the precambrian rock we call the Canadian Shield. It might seem like an ideal place to grow grapes, rich in the morass of minerals found in the soil, but it is Canada cold. Finding the right grapes to grow was tricky. Much research was done to find the right varietals to fit the climate - The winters are long and cold - the grapes did suffer - but they grew - eventually.

For 17 years the Johnson brothers, Sandor and Robin, experimented. They tried different varietals, different barrels, different yeasts, from all over the world, over and over, and in various combinations.

Potter Settlement Winery is now open for business with several perfected selections available. Our Probus members were privileged to hear Sandor tell his story of how the winery took shape and to taste several samples of these beautiful vintages. We did not leave without purchasing a few sample bottles for our very own cellars.
# Upcoming Events

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<td>October 17, 2018</td>
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* Just North of the Springbrook Diner. Details will be provided.

**Don't Forget your Name Tag!**
Probus Single Malt Scotch Tasting Event # 17, Thursday October 11, 2018

Greetings to all Probus members. I hope you have had a wonderful summer thus far. The arrival of Single Malt Scotch tasting season will be on the above date!
If you are new to Probus, and would like to see what the tastings are all about, this is your invitation to join us. All members are welcome to attend. The emphasis is on having fun, and perhaps trying a Scotch Single Malt that you have never sampled before. The bonus is that you can socialize with, and get to know other Probus members. We will be meeting at Caper's Tap House, in the upstairs room, at 11:30 a.m. where we will order our lunch, and socialize for a time while we enjoy some of Caper's tasty lunch selections, followed immediately by the tasting. The cost of the tasting is $20pp, and lunch is also the members responsibility. We will be tasting three single malts, and I usually try to pick from distilleries all over Scotland. There will be a little surprise included for this tasting!!
The sign up sheet for the tasting will be at both the September and October Probus meetings in the events area. You are welcome to bring a non member friend with you, but please remember that Probus members will have priority should the sign up sheet be filled. To be fair to all, names will be entered on the sign up sheet in order they are received by myself or Bob.
I look forward to seeing all tasters on October 11th. You can sign up at the Probus meetings, or you can email / call myself or Bob, and we will be sure to put you on the sign up sheet.

Slainte - Gord Reid  gareid@sympatico.ca  or  705-653-6379
Bob Bennett  2gudalways@gmail.com  or  705-653-1180

**Book Club** - The Probus Book Club will resume September 18th.
Contact Maureen Dikun 705 653-3182.

**Garden Club** - The garden club will start again in the Spring of 2019. The club meets every two weeks. Members closed out this season with an enjoyable pot luck lunch. If you are interested in joining the Club please contact Susan Fedorka - (415) 209-2593

**Photography Group** - September 26 and October 31 are the next two meeting dates for our group. New members are welcome.
Contact Tony Crocker  photo@tcrocker.ca  - (705) 653-1100
NOTICE

Payment for Membership is due now. Please have your cheque ready for the membership management team to process at the October 10th meeting. The yearly dues have been reduced to $30.00 per member.

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